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By the KING.



Whereas His Majesty being informed, that some misunderstanding was like to arise between *England* and *Holland*, did give order to His Ordinary Ambassadors to perform in His Name, all good Offices necessary for the Stilling those Differences in the Birth, and being troubled to see things grow worse and worse, so as to come to open Acts of Hostility between them, did dispatch Extraordinary Ambassadors to the King of *Great Britain*, to endeavor to stop the further growth, and by some Agreement to compose those Differences; but His Mediation not having had that effect He promised Himself in it, the States General of the *United Provinces* of the *Low Countries*, have with Earnestness continued their Instances with His Majesty, That He would execute the Treaty of *League Defensive*, which He concluded with them the 27 of *April*, 1662. And His Majesty finding Himself obliged to make good His Royal Word, and the

Engagements, He entered into, by a Solemn Treaty at a time when *England* and *Holland* were in good correspondence, without any appearance of rupture. His Majesty hath declared, and by these presents signed with His Hand, doth declare, That He is determined and resolved to succor the States of the *United Provinces* of the *Low Countries*, in consequence of the said Treaty of *League and Defence*, and to joyn all His Power to that of the States General, to fight against the *English*, as well by Sea as Land. And to this end, doth most straightly charge and require all His Subjects, Vassals, and Servants, to fall upon the *English*, prohibiting them for the future, to have any Communication, Commerce, or Intelligence with them, upon pain of Death. And to this end, His Majesty hath revoked, and from henceforth doth revoke, All Licences, Passes, Letters of Protection, and of Safe-guard, which may have been granted by Himself, His Lieutenant Generals, or other Officers, contrary to these presents, declaring them void, and of no effect; and commanding that no regard or consideration be had of them by any person or persons whatsoever. And His Majesties will and pleasure is, That the Duke de Beaufort, Peer of *France*, Great Master, Head, and Surintendant General of the Navigation and Commerce of this Kingdom, the Marshals of *France*, the Covenours, and Lieutenants General for His Majesty, in His Provinces and Armies, Marshals of Camp, Colonels, Masters of Camp, Captains, Heads, and Conductors of His Soldiers, as well of Horse as of Foot, French as Strangers, and all other His Officers whom it may concern, do cause the Contents of these presents, to be put in execution within each of their Powers and Jurisdictions respectively. For such is His Majesties pleasure, Expecting that these presents be published

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lished in all His Towns, aswell Maritime, as others, and in all the Ports, Havens, and such other places of His Kingdom as may be necessary; to the end, none may pretend cause of Ignorance; and that to Copies hereof, duly Collationed, Credit be given as to the Original,

Signed,

LOUIS,

and below

Le Tellier

These are to Charge, and Require Canto, the Kings Sworn Cryer, to publish the above Proclamation, and it to Post up and Affix in the usual places of this City and Suburbs of Paris.

At Paris the 6th of Jan. 1666.

Signed, Daubray.

Read and Published with sound of Trumpet, and open Proclamation in all the Carrefours of this City, and Suburbs of Paris, Posted and Affixed, where necessary, by me underwritten, Charles Canto, the Kings Sworn Cryer, of the said City, Provost and Visconté of Paris. In the making of which Proclamation, I was accompanied by Five Trumpeters; to wit, Jeremy Tronsson, Stephen du Bos, His Majesties Sworn Trumpeters in the said places, and Three other Trumpeters.

The 27th of day January, 1666.

Signed, Canto.

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thought fit to represent to Monsieur de Lionne, one of the Secretaries of State, the exorbitancy thereof, and how offensive it would look to all the World, to expose the Estates and Persons of His Majesty of Great Britain's Subjects, to the last violences, if it were literally executed; and how contrary it was to the Treaties subsisting between the two Nations, not to allow a competent time for persons to withdraw themselves from the rigorous execution of it; His Majesty of France was pleased to issue this following Declaration, allowing three months time for all English to withdraw their Persons and Estates from His Territories.

By the King.

His Majesty having been given to understand, that the English which are now in the Kingdom, do apprehend they may be molested in their persons, and disturbed in the enjoyment of their Estates, in consequence of the Ordinance of the 26 of January last, in which, His Majesty declared He would joyn all His Force to that of the Estates General of the United Provinces of the Low Countries, to act against the English, as well by Sea as by Land; charging and requiring all His Subjects to fall upon them, and not to have from thenceforth any Commerce or Communication with them. And although there be not any ground for such apprehension, seeing the said Ordinance cannot be understood, but against the English that shall hereafter be met at Sea by His Majesties Ships, or that shall appear on the Coasts of the Kingdom, to Land and enter there in Arms, or otherwise; and not against private

private persons that are settled in the Kingdom, or that are come hither upon the Faith of that good Correspondence which hath hitherto been between this Crown, and that of *England*: Yet His Majesty desirous more particularly to explain His meaning therein, hath ordered, and doth order, That such English, as being not Naturalized, have settled themselves in the Kingdom, or are at present here, do quit it within three moneths, to be accounted from the date of these presents; during which time, they may safely sell or transport their Merchandize and other Goods. His Majesty, in the meantime, strictly commanding all His Subjects not to molest the said private Englishmen in their Persons or Goods, for any cause or occasion, or under any pretext whatsoever, except by the ordinary ways of Justice; and so, as they might have done before the publication of the said Ordinance of 26 *January* last. And His Majesties will and pleasure is, That all His Governors, and His Lieutenant Governors of His Provinces, Intendants there, particular Governors of His Towns and places, Bailiffs, Seneschals, Provosts, Judges, and their Lieutenants, and all other His Officers and Subjects, whom it may concern, do take care respectively for the exact observation of these presents, which His Majesty commands to be published, and set up in all the Towns, Boroughs, and other places of His Kingdom, where requisite; to the end, none may pretend cause of ignorance.

Given at *St. Germain in Lay*, the first of *February*,
1666.

Signed *LOUIS*,
and below

Le Tellier,

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Signed Canto.

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